mencement of DPCO, 1987 have taken place in 20-21% cases of non-scheduled formulations.

(c) to (g) Such details are not monitored.

PAC recommendations on production and price of drugs

2072. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the PAC recommendation to closely monitor production and prices of drugs and intermediates subjected to duty concession have been ignored; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 245 answered on 13-5-1993, the recommendations contained in the 5th report of the Public Accounts Committee 10th Lok Sabha (1991-92) regarding monitoring of customs duty concessions, are general in nature and not specific to drugs. It is reported that the Ministry of Finance has already furnished an action taken note the on said recommendations of the Committee.

Production of Acetic Anhydride

2073. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a notification has been made to monitor and control the production of Acetic Anhydride;

(b) whether large quantities of this chemical have been going to Pakistan and Myanmaar;

(c) the estimated amount of the chemical produced in the country;

(d) whether Acetic Anhydride is used for other purposes besides conversion of opium into heroin; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no exports of Acetic Anhydride to Pakistan and Myanmaar.

(c) The estimated production of Acetic Anhydride during 1992-93 is 32,600 MT.

(d) and (e) Acetic Anhydride is used in the manufacture of Acetyl Compounds, Cellulose Acetates etc. It is a commonly used acetulizer and solvent. It is widely used in organic synthesis as a dehydrating agent in nitration, sulphonation and other reactions.

DAP plants in the country

2074. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of DAP plants in the country and their location;

(b) the quantity of DAP produced indigenously;

(c) what are the annual requirement of DAP in the country; and

(d) by which year the country would become self-sufficient in DAP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) There are 10 DAP plants in the country. The name of these plants alongwith their locations are as follows :—

(i) Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd., Kandla (Gujarat).

(ii) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd., Baroda (Gujarat).

(iii) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd., Sikka (Gujarat).

(iv) Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., Goa.

(v) Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh).

(vi) Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Mangalore (Karnataka).

(vii) Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation, Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu).

(viii) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd., Paradeep (Orissa).

(ix) Hindustan Lever Ltd., Haldia (West Bengal).

(x) Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Cochin (Kerala).

(b) Production of DAP in the country during the last 3 years has been as under :—

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1990-91	19.05
1991-92	28.65
1992-93	25.95